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SUBJECT: ASEAN PRE-CONSULTATIONS

1. EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE, DEPUTIES OAKLEY AND HEGINBOTHAM, EA/TIMBS DIRECTOR FRITTS, AND ARMACOST OF NSC, MET JULY 6 WITH ASEAN AMBASSADORS AT WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY GOP AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ. LUNCHEON WAS RESULT EA SUGGESTION THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN REPS WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL. TIMING WAS PARTICULARLY PROPITIOUS IN VIEW SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO ASEAN IN HIS JUNE 29 ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH (WHICH RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENT BY AMBASSADORS PRESENT).

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2. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

ASEAN - EA REPS STRESSED NEED FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES (A) ENSURE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION EQUIVALENT AT LEAST TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICHARD COOPER (TENTATIVELY SLATED HEAD U.S. DEL TO MANILA SEPT 7-9), (B) AVOID TYPE OF ACRIMONY ENGENDERED DURING RECENT CIEC MEETING PARIS

WHEN LDC'S PRESENTED OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE DEMANDS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; AND (C) OPPORTUNITY FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES PRESENT VIEWS IN NON-CONTENTIOUS MANNER ON SUCH ITEMS AS COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. POSSI-

BLE EXCHANGE OF PAPERS IN ADVANCE WAS ENCOURAGED. (THESE POINTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO GOI MINISTER WIDJOJO DURING HIS VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT EARLY NEXT WEEK.)

PRC-U.S. RELATIONS - PLANNED TRIP BY SECRETARY TO PRC WILL BE EXPLORATORY IN NATURE AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN ANY BREAKTHROUGH ON NORMALIZATION. MAIN IMPEDIMENT REMAINS ABSENCE OF ANY PRC COMMITMENT NOT TO LIBERATE ROC BY FORCE.

VIETNAM - SECRETARY'S JUNE 29 STATEMENT ACCURATELY REFLECTED POSITIVE USG ATTITUDE TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM. THIS IS IN STRATEGIC INTEREST OF U.S. AND ASEAN. HOWEVER, NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE HELD BEFORE AUTUMN. U.S. HAS MADE CLEAR TO VIETNAMESE OUR VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH ASEAN STATES. THIS IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA.

KOREA - CAREFUL U.S.-ROK PLANNING FOR GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL EXPLAINED BY EA REPS. THIS PLUS MILITARY COMPENSATION AND STRENGTHENING FOR ROK ARMED FORCES AND U.S. AIR AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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